

# Press Release



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## Erie 1 BOCES FUSION Fashion Show to showcase Amherst student's works

*West Seneca* (March 14, 2024) – The work of an Amherst Central School District student will be presented to the community along with those from fellow student designers in the Erie 1 BOCES Fashion Design Technology program during the FUSION '24 Fashion Show: Aurora.

Olivia Mussett said she has always been interested in fashion since making clothes for her dolls when she was younger, and said her favorite area of fashion was in costume design.

“I saw the sheet that had all the BOCES programs I could join and gravitated towards fashion,” Olivia said. “I’m so glad I did, since this has been the highlight of my day for the past two years.”

The FUSION Fashion Show, which has been running since 2009, will take place on Wednesday, March 27 and will showcase the work of 18 high school fashion students from across Western New York who attend the Harkness Career & Technical Education Center. The theme for this year’s show, Aurora, was developed by students based on how the colors in the sky reflected the ideas of personal change and the feeling of community.

Olivia said her pieces in the show are inspired by imagery and characters found in horror stories, such as mad scientists and ghosts.



After high school, Olivia said she plans to study fashion design in college, with the hopes of creating designs for film and television.

The annual show brings together talents from multiple Erie 1 BOCES programs, who support each other to ensure the success of the show. That includes Barbering and Cosmetology program students who prepare participating models for the show, along with Criminal Justice students that assist with security for the evening.

The Engineering and Robotics program also assisted student designers in the creation of gears and 3-D printing for their designs.

The two-year Fashion Design Technology program at Erie 1 BOCES’ Harkness Career & Technical Educational Center teaches students how to dress, style and create trends based on design elements and

the fashion cycle. Students in the program also develop business plans as a part of their studies, setting them up for future success. The students' work included creating the posters and tickets for the show.

This year's show will take place at 7 p.m. on March 27 at The Show at Shea's Seneca, 2188 Seneca Street, Buffalo, N.Y. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and will close at 6:50 p.m. prior to the start of the show. Tickets are \$5, and can be reserved by emailing instructor Darlene Borchert at [dborchert@e1b.org](mailto:dborchert@e1b.org). Proceeds from the show will benefit Ten Lives Club as well as the Buffalo Underdogs Rescue. For more information about the show, visit <https://www.e1b.org/en/k-12-education-programs/fusion-2024.aspx>.

### About Erie 1 BOCES

As part of public education, Erie 1 BOCES offers a variety of career and technical programs during the regular school day to high school students in Erie County. High school students interested in learning more about how they can participate in various programs such as fashion design, web and gaming technologies, health careers or aviation technology, should visit [www.e1b.org/cte](http://www.e1b.org/cte) or speak with their high school counselor.

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